

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles W. Tapp.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Charles W. Tapp on May 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greer, South Carolina, Mr. Tapp was born on August 27, 1928, and was the first of three children of Broadus and Nellie Bruce Tapp; and

WHEREAS, during the Korean War, he served in the United States Army as an instructor and tactical officer in the 47th Division Leadership School at Fort Rucker, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mr. Tapp enrolled in Louisiana State University and received undergraduate and master's degrees in government; and

WHEREAS, his thesis was entitled, "LONGS" and was cited in a number of published histories of the Long family; and

WHEREAS, as a student, Mr. Tapp worked for the Louisiana Legislative Council researching, preparing, and tracking legislation; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded a university fellowship from Duke University to continue his graduate studies in political science and after a year of study, he joined the faculty of Milsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Baton Rouge, Mr. Tapp spent a number of years in public service as a research analyst for the Public Affairs Research Council and later as the head of Community Advancement, Inc. where he spearheaded the development of the anti-poverty program; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he was instrumental in establishing Head Start and other economic development programs in the greater Baton Rouge area; and

WHEREAS, furthering his public service, Mr. Tapp became Director of the Office of Consumer Protection under Governor Edwin W. Edwards and also served as the Director of Policy Analysis and Coordination with the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, he served on the boards of directors of several organizations including Capital Area Transit System, Catholic Social Services for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LaCapitol Federal Credit Union, and Mid-Louisiana Health Systems; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Energy Administration, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, and was a member of the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Tapp was a student of history, both local and international, and will be remembered for his intelligence, wit, loyalty, integrity, and ability to see and fight for the needs of the whole community; and

WHEREAS, from 1984 to 2006, he handled governmental relations for the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, the Wine and Spirits Foundation of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast Conservation Association, and Lehman Williamson & Associates; and

WHEREAS, he was highly respected for earning the trust and admiration of the Louisiana Legislature and will forever be remembered and respected for his integrity by all who walk the halls of the capitol; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Joan Vogel-Tapp; his sons, Daniel Hunter Tapp, Quai Carter Tapp, and Jonathan Michael Tapp; and three grandchildren, Meagan Fairchild, Patrick Tapp, and Esperanza Tapp; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a son, Charles Brian Tapp, a grandson, Ryan Joseph Tapp, and his parents, Broadus Daniel and Nellie Tapp; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Charles W. Tapp, Louisiana has lost one of its finest citizens who was admired by all whose lives he touched and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, his passing has left a tremendous void in the Baton Rouge community, but his love, smile, and personality shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of his loved ones, friends, and all who had the opportunity to meet and know him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles W. Tapp, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful gentleman brought to his family, friends, community, and state, and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his accomplishments and contributions to the citizenry of Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joan Vogel-Tapp.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES